

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes _____
no ☒

Property Name: Henry Boothe Farmhouse Inventory Number: SM-459
Address: 46212 Drayden Road (md 237) (MD 244) Historic district: yes ☒ no
City: Drayden Zip Code: 20630 County: Saint Marys
USGS Quadrangle(s): Saint Marys City
Property Owner: Henry and Stanley Boothe Tax Account ID Number: 1902002035
Tax Map Parcel Number(s): 30 Tax Map Number: 62
Project: MD 237 from MD 235 to Pegg Rd Agency: SHA
Agency Prepared By: SHA
Preparer's Name: Kathryn Barrett Date Prepared: 11/26/2007
Documentation is presented in: Maryland Historical Trust
Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: X Eligibility recommended _____ Eligibility not recommended
Criteria: X A B X C D Considerations: A B C D E F G
Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:
Name of the District/Property: _____
Inventory Number: _____ Eligible: yes Listed: yes
Site visit by MHT Staff yes X no Name: _____ Date: _____

Description of Property and Justification: *(Please attach map and photo)*

Henry Boothe Farm is located at 46212 Drayden Road (MD 244) in Drayden, St. Mary's County. The property is situated on the north side of Drayden Road. The farmstead occupies over sixty-three-and-one-half acres of agricultural land. It is comprised of a two-story frame dwelling, a concrete-block garage, a corn crib, a cow barn with cow pen, equipment barns, a hay barn with pig sty, a frame meat house, a metal refrigerator, a modern storage shed, a pump house, silos, and tobacco barns. Fenced pasture, marshland, expansive fields cultivated in corn and hay, marshland, and wooded tracts surround the agricultural complex. Direct access to each structure was not permitted for this evaluation, and descriptions are based on visual exterior notations.

According to the Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties (MIHP) form (SM-459), the original portion of the dwelling dates to circa 1870 (west wing), and additions to the original block date to 1920 and 1960 (located at the east and north ends of the west wing, respectively). In addition, the MIHP form indicates that brick and stone piers likely support the house. The dwelling forms a rectangular footprint as a result of an addition filling the void between the main block and a projecting, two-story, side-gable addition that is perpendicular to the east gable of the original dwelling (west wing). Each of the two-story, side-gable buildings that comprise the cross-gable dwelling are two rooms deep. Overall, the building is a two-story, three-bay-wide by five-bay-deep, cross-gable farmhouse that has been heavily altered in recent years. It faces east, with a deep setback from Drayden Road. The dwelling

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MHT Comments: FARMSTEAD DOES NOT POSSESS SUFFICIENT INTEGRITY.

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is clad in vinyl siding, which conceals the original clapboard beneath. A standing-seam-metal roof caps the original portion of the dwelling, while asphalt shingles sheath the 1920 addition (east wing). Metal finials punctuate both roof ridgelines. An interior, corbel-capped, brick chimney punctuates the north end of the eastern portion of the dwelling, while concrete-block chimneys punctuate the east and west ends of the adjacent, side-gable wing, which faces south. The main entry is located in the southern bay of the east elevation of the east wing.

A one-story, full-width, hipped-roof, wrap-around porch dominates the façade (east elevation) and south elevation. Square posts support the porch roof, which is clad in corrugated-metal. Poured-concrete steps reach the porch on the east and south sides. The western end of the porch on the south elevation has been enclosed, which is a bathroom wing off of the main block of the dwelling. A glazed and paneled, wood door is located on the east side of the bathroom wing, which is reached from the porch. A secondary entry to the main block is located adjacent to the entry to the bathroom wing. It is comprised of a modern, glazed and paneled door behind an aluminum storm door. Replacement, one-over-one, double-hung, vinyl-sash fenestration has been installed throughout the building. The windows are hung singly in a symmetrical arrangement; however, one paired window is located on the first story of the south elevation of the west wing.

The north elevation features a one-story, shed-roof addition. It extends from the north elevation of the original dwelling and the west elevation of the east wing. The addition is clad in vinyl siding and topped by a metal-clad roof. Two windows pierce the north elevation of this addition.

A gravel driveway extends north from Drayden Road and reaches the east side of the residence and the various agricultural outbuildings north and east of the dwelling. Decorative shrubs are planted around the farmhouse.

Frame Meat House

A one-bay-wide by one-bay-deep, frame meat house is located just west of the farmhouse. It is oriented along an east-west axis. The building is sheathed in vertical-wood planks, which are white washed. A single-leaf, board-and-batten door is located at the center of the east gable end. The front-gable roof is clad in standing-seam metal, and the rafter tails are exposed on the north and south eaves.

Metal Freezer

A long, metal-clad freezer is located north of the meat house. It is oriented along a north-south axis. As milk cows are raised on the farm, it likely is used for milk storage.

Pump House

A one-bay-wide by one-bay-deep, front-gabled roof pump house is located just north of the northwestern corner of the farmhouse. It is oriented along an east-west axis. The building is constructed of concrete-block masonry. The front-gable roof is clad in standing-seam metal, and the rafter tails are exposed on the north and south eaves.

Concrete-Block Garage

A one-story, side-gable, concrete-block garage is located just north of the pump house. It is situated along a north-south axis. It is fenestrated by double-hung, one-over-one, aluminum-sash windows. Two garage bays and a glazed and paneled entry door are located on the east elevation. The south elevation contains a secondary entry door and a window. The apexes of the gables are clad in aluminum siding, and the roof is clad in asphalt shingles. A metal pesticide tank, which rises slightly above the roof of the garage, is adjacent to the north gable end.

Modern Storage Shed

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A modern, portable, gambrel-roof, frame, storage shed is located just north of the concrete-block garage and south of the cow barn. It is oriented along an east-west axis; access is gained on the east elevation. The roof is sheathed in asphalt shingles. A horizontal gas tank is adjacent to the shed's south elevation.

Wagon Barn

An asymmetrical, front-gabled roof, one-bay-wide, frame tractor garage is located northeast of the dwelling. It is clad in vertical-board planks, and the roof is sheathed in corrugated metal. The garage bay is located on the west elevation. Shed-roof extensions are located on the east and south elevations.

Crib Barn

A frame double-crib barn, likely dating from the late 1800s, is located northwest of the house with the entrance oriented to the central yard formed by other outbuildings and fencing. The crib barn is one and one-half stories tall, rectangular in footprint, and sheltered with a side-gabled corrugated metal roof. The structure is composed of two separate interior bays and a loft space constructed with milled timbers. Widely-spaced vertical planks clad the front (east) side to provide ventilation for the drying corn. The other sides are clad in vertical planking. A metal cattle guard fence connects the corn crib to the cow pen and dairy cow barn.

Cow Barn

The post and beam cow barn is rectangular footprint with an end-gable primary standing-seam metal roof and a shed-roofed extension on the south side. Exposed rafter tails are evident under the shed roof. Vertical wood planking clad the building. The west side of the structure is enclosed to provide housing for dairy cows, while the east side is an open-bay for large equipment storage. A hay loft occupies the space under the gable roof. Structure is composed of large posts supported by heavy sill plates on the ground. The barn opens up into a fenced cow pen on the west side. The barn likely dates from the early 1900s.

Livestock and Hay Barn

The livestock and hay barn is a post-on-sill frame structure composed of a hay loft, and enclosed livestock pens. The rectangular building is characterized by a saltbox form with a continuous sloping roof over a shed-roof extension of the south elevation. Vertical wood planks clad the building while metal sheeting protects the gabled roof. The south elevation consists of two open-bays leading into a fence-enclosed pig sty. The barn likely dates from the early 1900s.

Equipment Shed

A small rectangular shed is located northeast of the main house and is used to house large equipment. The gable-roofed frame building is supported on a concrete slab and has an open-bay shed-roofed portion extending from the length of the south elevation. Vertical wood planking clads the building and a standing-seam metal roof shelters the shed. The shed was likely constructed in the early to mid-1900s.

Tobacco Barn #1

The barn furthest from the house is a former tobacco barn that has been converted into equipment storage. The barn is rectangular in footprint with an end-gable roof clad in corrugated metal. A large shed-roofed addition extends from the east elevation and features four open bays allowing for sheltered equipment storage. A pair of large hinged doors is found on the south gable end. This feature, like the addition, is a modification made after the mid-1990s. Vertical wood planking clads the exterior. The MIHP form completed in the 1990s pictures a tobacco stripping shed located on the east side of this barn. The shed is no longer extant. The barn was likely constructed in the late 1800s.

Tobacco Barn #2

The smallest of the three tobacco barns is located northwest of the house between the two larger barns. A gable roof covered in

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corrugated metal shelters the rectangular barn and a pair of large hinged doors is located on the east elevation. Vertical planking sheathes the exterior. The barn is currently used to store hay. The barn was likely constructed in the late 1800s.

Tobacco Barn #3

This tobacco barn is located north of the house with the long, or slope side facing the rear of the house. The rectangular barn is sheltered by a gable roof covered with corrugated metal. The barn features three pairs of hinged doors on the south elevation and characteristic hinged vertical panels to allow cross-ventilation. Though currently vacant, the barn was once used to dry and store tobacco. The barn is positioned perpendicular to a slope and has concrete piers supporting the sill plate on the west side. The barn was likely constructed in the late 1800s.

Silos

Varying sizes of modern, metal silos are located north of the cow barn and north of the hay barn.

Historical Significance

The Henry Boothe Farm was established during a period of reconstruction following the Civil War. With the loss of slave labor, many large tobacco plantations were not viable. Like much of southern Maryland, large land owners in St. Mary's county found the division of land into smaller farms was the best means of survival. This post-war period marks a rise in smaller farms, tenant farming and diversification of crops and industries. However, despite the slow dissolution of large tobacco farms, tobacco remained the primary crop and source of income for many farmers in St. Mary's County.

According to the MIHP form prepared for the Boothe Farm property, 430 acres of the farmland was purchased by Henry Watts from James Hebb in 1861. The parcel was later passed to J. Parran Crane in 1889 and then Robert Owens in 1896. By 1910, Joseph and Elizabeth Boothe purchased 76 acres of the tract from Robert Owen for \$1,500 (1). The house was likely constructed by Henry Watts as it appears to date from the 1870s. Some of the outbuildings, such as the meat house and crib barn, could also date from this time period.

The farm originated as a tobacco farm, then the Boothe family focused on raising milk cows and harvesting corn and hay. The former tobacco barns were reused to serve other purposes. Small parcels of the farm were subsequently sold to family members. Two houses, constructed in the 1960s and 1970s, are on adjacent parcels that were once part of the Boothe Farm property. A housing development, though not highly visible from Boothe Farm, is located east of the farm.

The house, though significantly altered, and all of the outbuildings are in good condition with few modern buildings interspersed on the landscape. The outbuildings are clustered behind the house, forming a typical farm yard, while the large tobacco barns are set a short distance away from the main house and outbuilding complex. The assemblage of late 19th and early 20th century farm buildings is a typical scene on the St. Mary's landscape and defines the historic character of the county and community. The farm complex as an agricultural landscape is recommended as eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A, for the association with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad pattern of our history. The immediate setting of the house and farm remains largely undeveloped and reflective of a rural, agricultural community, though housing developments are encroaching. The location of the farm in St. Mary's county is characteristic, and the feeling and association with the agricultural history, such as tobacco farming, is supported by the extant tobacco barns in good condition on the landscape. The workmanship and design of the individual buildings does not embody distinctive characteristics of a type, period or construction method, though as a whole, they represent a typical small farm complex and agricultural landscape.

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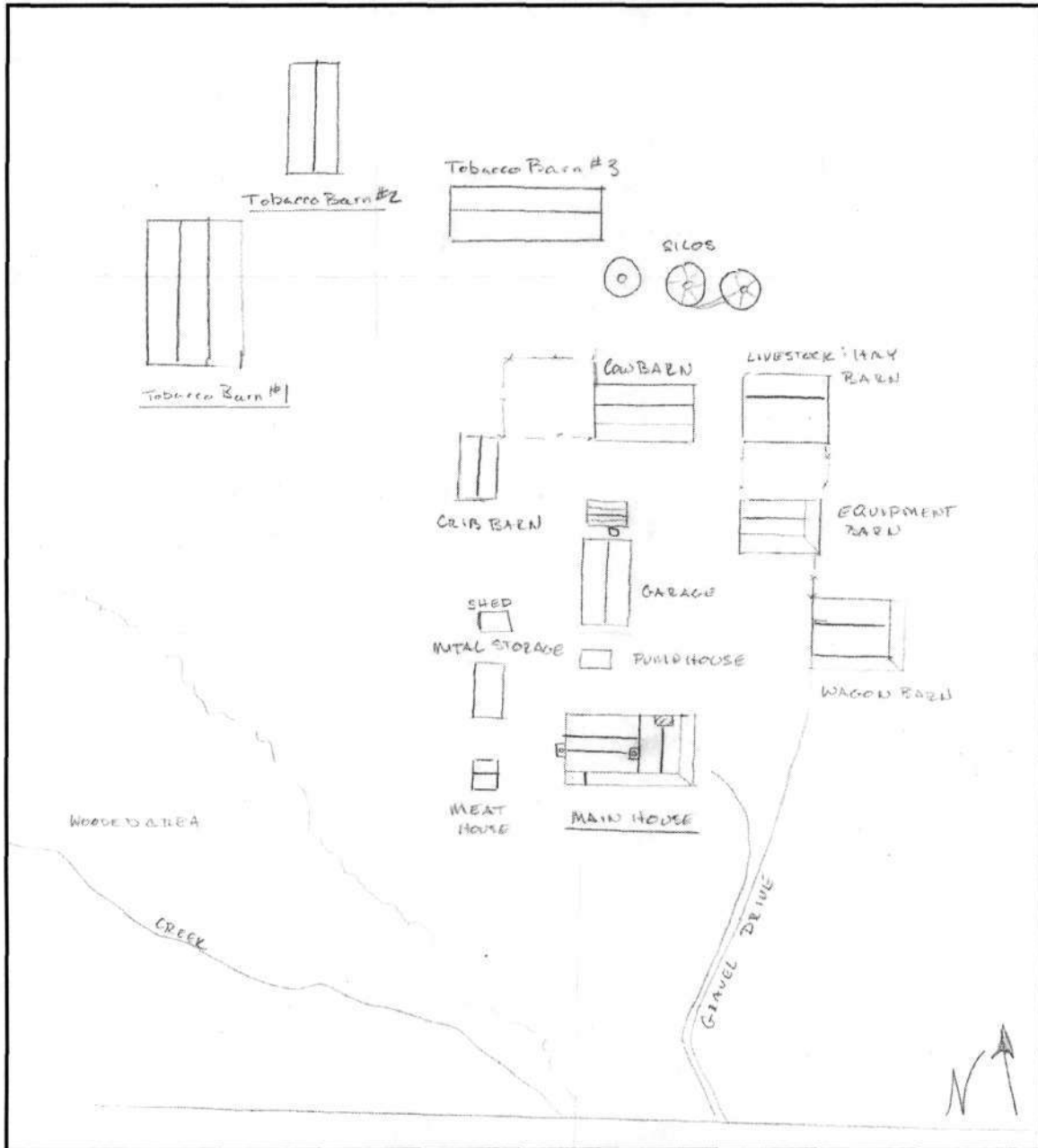
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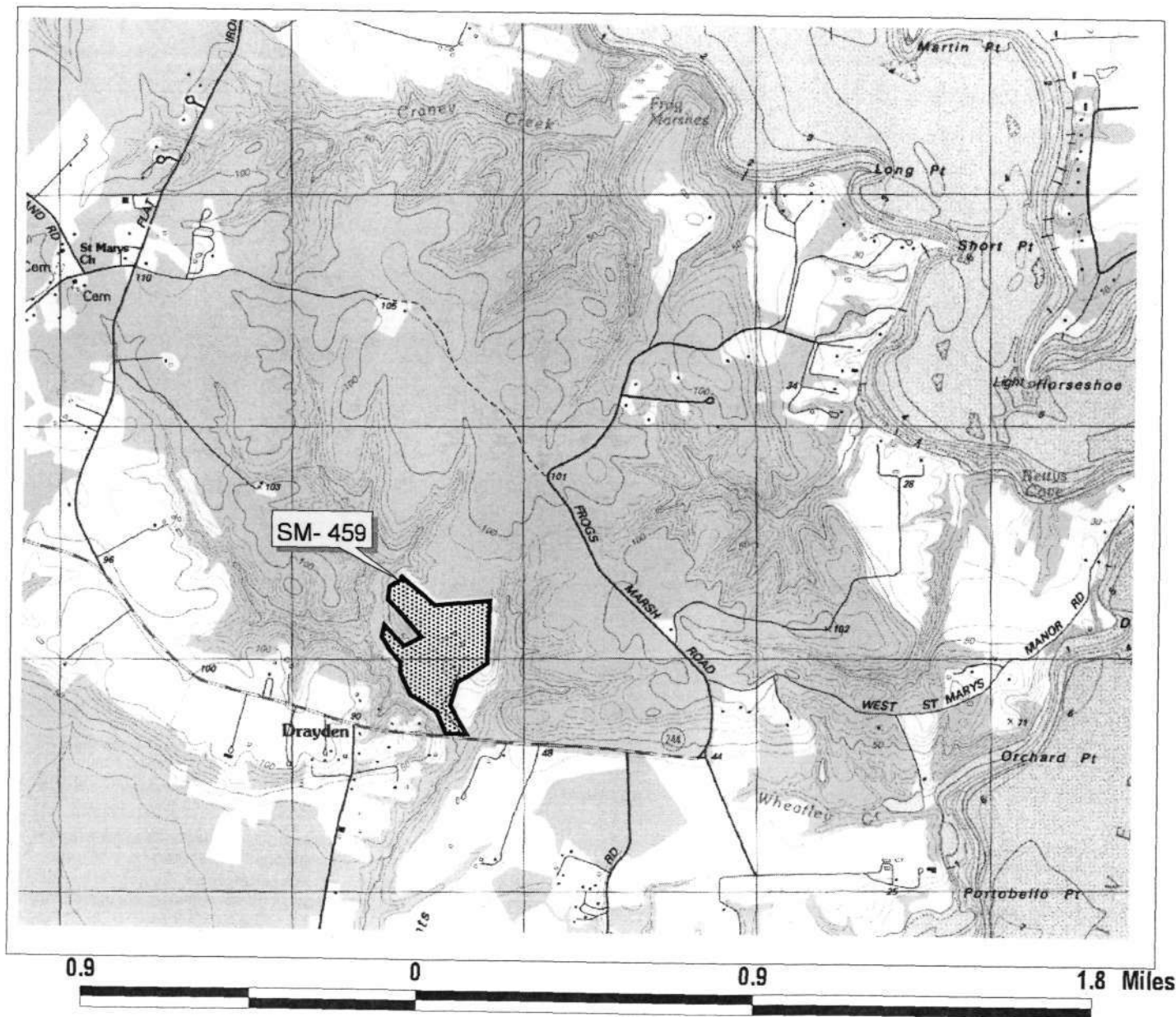
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Henry Boothe Farm Site Plan

SM-459, 46212 Drayden Rd, Drayden, MD 20630
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Henry Boothe Farm, SM-459
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St. Mary's City USGS Quadrangle Map





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Henry Boothe Farm

46212 Drayden Rd

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View of the house facade (south side)

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View of the back of the house (north side).

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View of the east side of the house.

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View of the livestock and Hay barn.

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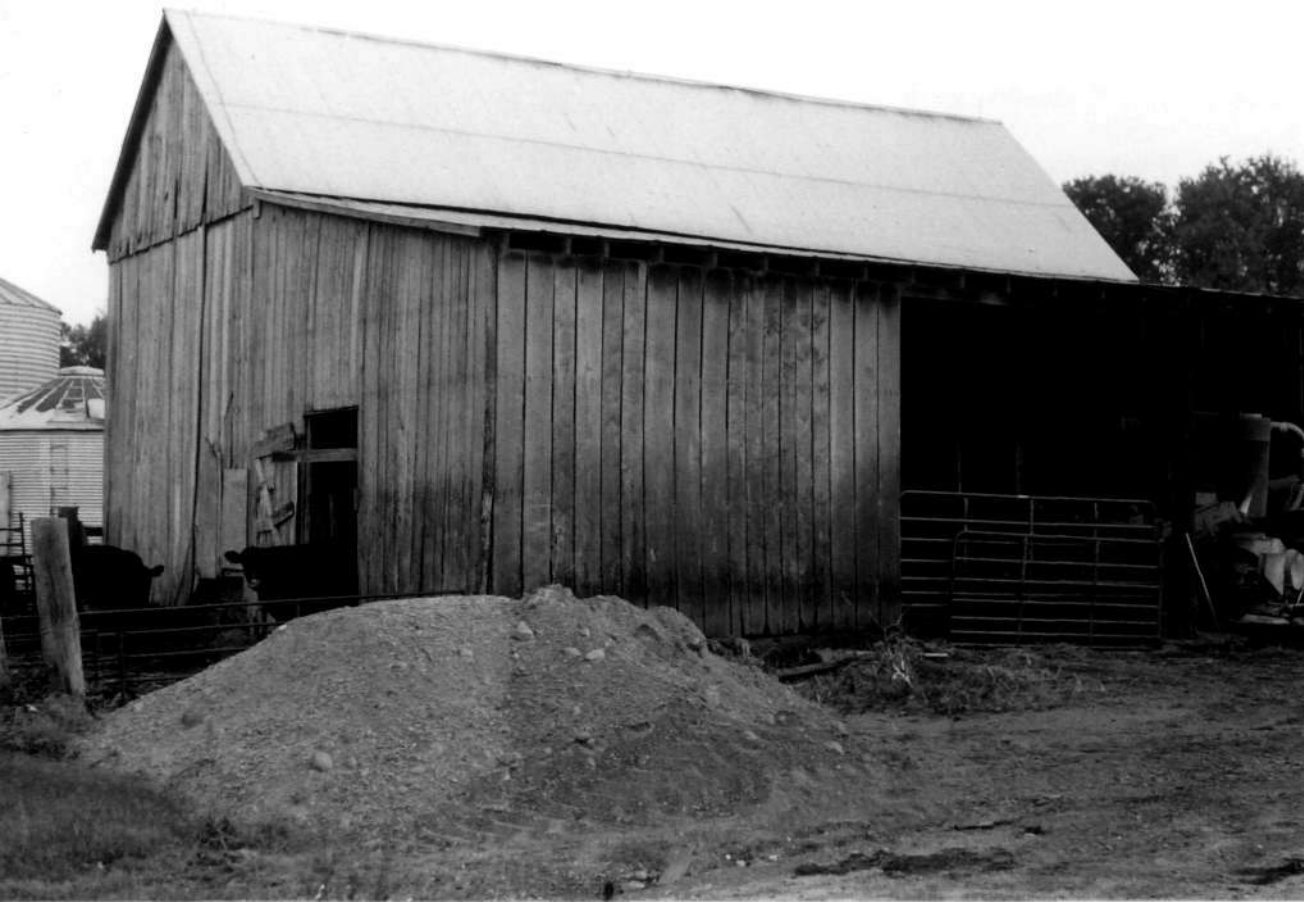
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view of the equipment farm.

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View of the livestock and Hay Barn.

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View of the wagon barn.

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View of the garage.

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View of the pump house.

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View of the Metal Storage and Shed.

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View of the meat house.

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View of the crib barn.

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View of Tobacco Barn #1

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view of tobacco barn #2

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View of tobacco barn #3

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View of the silos.

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Capsule Summary
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Henry Boothe Farmhouse
Drayden
Private

Circa 1870; 1920

The Henry Boothe Farmhouse is significant as an example of a modest farmhouse that has been enlarged and modernized over the years. Although the exterior siding and windows have been replaced, the oldest section of the house has a hall/parlor plan and an enclosed stair that remains unchanged. The hilly setting of the farmhouse, surrounded by grazing land and milk cows, is not a typical St. Mary's County scene.

The Boothe property is part of a tract known as "Uplands," "Ragged Lane," or "Lot No. 3 Part Second." Henry Watts purchased 430 acres of this tract, formerly part of the James Hebb estate, in 1861. The property then passed from Watts to J. Parran Crane and to Robert Owens. In 1910, Joseph Boothe and Elizabeth Boothe, parents of the current owners, purchased 76 acres of the tract from Robert Owens for \$1500.

During the Boothe family ownership, the house has been enlarged by a series of two additions. The larger of these was constructed around 1920 by Lenny and Eugene Cecil. Henry and Elizabeth Boothe raised eleven children in the six-room house. Most of the outbuildings on the property date to the Boothe family occupation of the farm. Many of these were built for the storage of tobacco or the housing of milk cows. Milk cows have been raised on the farm since the 1940s.

SM-459, Henry Boothe Farmhouse
St. Mary's County
Maryland Comprehensive State Historic Preservation Plan Data

Historic Context

Geographic Organization: Western Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period: Industrial/Urban Dominance, 1870 - 1930.

Historic Period Theme: Architecture

Resource Type

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function and Use: Residence

Known Design Source: None

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

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Survey No. **SM 459**

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DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Henry Boothe Farmhouse

2. Location

street & number Route 244, North side ☐ not for publication

city, town Drayden ☐ vicinity of congressional district 5

state Maryland county St. Mary's

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture
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<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
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			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Henry F. Boothe and Regina C. Boothe

street & number telephone no.: (301) 994 1407

city, town Drayden state and zip code Maryland 20630

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Mary's County Courthouse liber CBG 25

street & number folio 280

city, town Leonardtown state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. SM 459

Condition

☐ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Contributing Resource Count: 16

The Henry Boothe Farmhouse is located at the end of a picturesque, curving, unpaved drive on the north side of Route 244 near Drayden in St. Mary's County, Maryland. The house is perched on a knoll and is surrounded by fenced grazing land. A series of fifteen outbuildings are located to the north of the house. Most of these structures are agricultural outbuildings used in conjunction with the Boothe dairy farm. The house faces east with the principal gable oriented on a north/south axis.

The Boothe house was built in a series of stages. The oldest of these is the smallest section of the house located at the west end of the complex. It appear to date to the 1860s or 1870s. The larger, east wing of the house was built in the 1920s for Joseph and Elizabeth Boothe by Lenny and Eugene Cecil. The most recent addition to the house is a shed roof structure located on the north side of the building which dates to around 1960.

The foundation of the Boothe Farmhouse is not visible. According to the current owner, it consists of brick and stone piers. Originally sheathed with weatherboard siding, the exterior was recently sheathed with vinyl siding. The roof is covered with asphalt shingles and corrugated metal.

The east (main) elevation consists of a modern door as the most southern bay which is flanked to the north by two one-over-one sash windows. A porch extends across the full width of this elevation and wraps around to the south. The shed roof porch is roofed with corrugated metal and supported by square posts. The second floor is pierced by three one-over-one sash windows. An interior brick chimney pierces the roof ridgeline at the north end of the house.

The south elevation of the main block gable end is pierced by two one-over-one sash windows on both the first and second floors. The shed roof porch that wraps around from the east elevation extends across the entire first floor of the south elevation. The west end of the porch is enclosed and pierced on the east by a three-light-over-three panel door, on the south by a one-over-one sash window, and on the west by a one-over-one sash window. The west end of the house, which is the oldest section, is pierced by a modern door and two one-over-one sash windows. The second floor is pierced by three one-over-one sash windows.

The west elevation of the two-story, gable end section of the house is pierced by one one-over-one sash window on the first floor. An interior cinderblock chimney with a brick cap projects from the roof ridgeline at this west end of the structure. To the north, extends the 1960s shed roof addition. An exterior cinderblock chimney stands

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
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Specific dates Unknown Builder/Architect Unknown

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 3 acres

Quadrangle name St. Mary's City

Quadrangle scale 1:24 000

UTM **References** do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Elizabeth Hughes, Historic Sites Surveyor

organization St. Mary's County Planning & Zoning

date October 1994

street & number 328 Washington Street

telephone (301) 475 4662

city or town Leonardtown

state Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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SM-459, Henry Boothe Farmhouse
St. Mary's County
7.1 Description

against the addition. Only one one-over-one sash window on the second floor is visible on the west side of the 1920s wing of the house.

The north elevation of the 1960s addition is pierced by three one-over-one sash windows. The second floor of the oldest section of the house is pierced by two one-over-one sash windows. The gable end of the 1920s addition is pierced by one one-over-one sash window on both the first and second floor.

The interior of the oldest section of the house consists of a hall/parlor plan. An enclosed stair provides access to the second floor which consists of two bedrooms. A vertical panel door opens to a closet located underneath the stair. The stair consists of circular sawn lumber and mature, machine cut nails. The 1920s addition consists of a side hall/single parlor plan with one room on the first and second floor.

Of the fifteen outbuildings that stand on the property, those located closest to the house consist of a concrete block garage and pump house, a metal refrigerator, a frame meathouse, and a modern storage shed. Two frame corn houses, two cow sheds, a granary, a storage shed, three tobacco barns, and a stripping shed are also located on the property. Most of these structures appear to date to the twentieth century.

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8.1 Significance

Chain of Title

TO: Henry F. Boothe and Regina C. Boothe

FROM: Elizabeth C. Boothe, widow.

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Records, Liber CBG 25, folio 280.

DATE: July 15, 1950.

NOTES: Transfer of a tract known as "Uplands," "Ragged Lane," or "Lot No. 3 -- Part Second" originally described as 100 acres but in a recent survey shown to be 76 acres and the same as EBA 9/61 reserving the large front room on the first floor of the home for the sole and exclusive use of Elizabeth C. Boothe. Joseph Boothe died in 1949.

TO: Joseph Boothe and Elizabeth C. Boothe

FROM: Robert Owens and Blanche E. Owens

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Records, Liber EBA 9, folio 61.

DATE: October 4, 1910.

NOTES: Transfer of "Uplands," "Ragged Lane," and "Lot No. 3 - Part Second" now 76 acres. Being the same as JJG 3/332. Price: \$1500

TO: Robert Owens

FROM: J. Parran Crane and Mollie D. Crane

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Records, Liber JJG 3, folio 332.

DATE: January 20, 1896.

NOTES: Transfer of "Upland," "Ragged Lane," and "Lot No. 3 -- Part Second" being 100 acres more or less as per a resurvey by George B. Dent on January 4, 1896 of "Part Westbury Manor" and "Beans Addition." Being part of the same land allotted to Charlotte W. Compton in the division of real estate of James Hebb, deceased, under the commission of Circuit Court as surveyed by Benjamin Tippet in 1848. Price: \$250

TO: J. Parran Crane

FROM: Henry Watts

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Records, Liber JFF 11, folio 119.

DATE: January 18, 1889.

NOTES: Transfer of Item 5 being the tract "on which I now reside" known as "Upland Ragged Lane" or "Lot No. 3, Part 2nd."

TO: Henry Watts

FROM: Wilson Compton and Charlotte W. Compton of Charles County

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JTB 3, folio 591.

DATE: June 15, 1861.

NOTES: Transfer of the same several tracts allotted to Charlotte V. Compton by commissioners on the real estate of James Hebb, deceased, and designated on a plat returned by the commissioners as Lot No. 3, Part 1st; Lot No. 3, Part 2nd, Lot No. 3, Part 3rd. Price: \$4000

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SW elevation

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NE elevation

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Meathouse with tobacco barn and strip shed in background.

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Granary with tobacco barn in background.

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Barns used for storage.

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